

MEMO: Immigrant Family Resilience & Stability Program (FY27)

To Multnomah County partners and Community-Based Organizations,

We are excited to announce the launch of the **Immigrant Family Resilience and Stability** pilot program for Fiscal Year 2027. This initiative represents a strategic evolution from past support of newly-arrived asylum seekers and immigrants, which primarily focused on initial placement, sheltering and resettlement of families.

Program Overview: The Immigrant Family Resilience and Stability Support initiative is relatively small in scope, intended to serve 130 families in FY27. We plan to launch on Sept. 1, 2026. The initiative is designed to support housing stability and resilience among immigrant families living in Multnomah County, who are struggling with housing stability or family resiliency after losing a family member to detention by federal agents.

We aim to provide financial support to families with at least one child under age 18 (or third-trimester pregnancy) residing in Multnomah County who, within the last year, have been impacted by the detention of an immediate family member who was a household financial contributor and living in Multnomah County at the time of detention.

Eligibility Criteria: To qualify for a referral, households must meet the following:

- **Family Composition:** Must be a family with at least one child under age 18.
- **Residency:** Families must reside in Multnomah County.
- **Federal Impact:** Must be a family with an immediate household member directly related to the applicant and household financial contributor who was deported or detained by federal immigration agents within the last year.
- **Income (rent assistance only):** Under 60% AMI using current [Portland Housing Bureau limits](#). There are no income limits for direct client assistance.

Referrals: Two Google Form referral forms (links below) must be used for program referrals. The window for referrals opens at 9 a.m. on the first business day of each month starting Sept. 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, and may temporarily close when capacity is reached.

Once a referral is received, DCHS Director's Office staff will reach out to the referring agency and/or family members to confirm eligibility (including requesting documents to establish identity and confirm detention and residency) and follow up with next steps.

Referrals can be sent by an advocate or professional contact, or a family can self-refer.

Funding:

The total amount available to DCHS in this program for FY27 is \$271,330.

Rent assistance: \$210,000 will serve a minimum of 70 families with one-time rent assistance, to a maximum of \$3,000 per household. DCHS Director's Office will coordinate with Bienestar de la Familia staff for rent assistance.

Direct client assistance: \$61,330 will serve a minimum of 60 families with one-time direct client assistance, up to a maximum of \$1,000 per household. The funds can be used to support a wide range of needs, ranging from groceries to energy assistance to baby items to legal documents, court fees/costs, certifications or trainings.

Please share this information and the referral link below with your agency, organization or program staff.

Referral Forms Full URLs (Please submit one or the other, not both):

a) Rent Assistance (updated link)

<https://forms.gle/k1japDyanChVhBAx8>

b) Direct Client Assistance (updated link)

<https://forms.gle/FoAyfcgxMMBaT8uN8>

Thank you for your help in connecting our most vulnerable families to this resource. Please reach out to DCHS Director's Office Program Specialist Thacher Schmid at thacher.schmid@multco.us or (971) 865-1824 with any questions. Staff speak Spanish and English and can facilitate interpretation services as needed.

Thank you!